26 MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken on the Dewan's reply to the representation made by Mr. C. P. Kochukunju Pillai at the last session of the Assembly regarding wheat and potato cultivation, *viz.*, "This is a matter which the Director of Agriculture must consider"?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: The member is referred to the answer furnished to Parts (*a*) (iv) and (*b*) (ii) of Question No. 25.

**Improvement of Agricultural Implements.**

27. MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the suggestion made by Mr. C. P. Kochukunju Pillai in his representation at the last session of the Assembly concerning cheap and improved agricultural implements?

(*b*) Has the Director of Agriculture taken any steps for making and popularising cheap implements of agriculture to suit all ryots, rich and poor?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to ask the Director to help the poor ryots in this respect?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. Three types of ploughs are now being sold by the department at the prices shown below:—

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| (1) "Climax" plough | ... | Rs. 12-chs. 23-c. 8. |
| (2) "Meston" plough | ... | Rs. 11-chs. 14-c. 0. |
| (3) "Pallikal" plough | ... | Rs. 6-chs. 21-c. 0. |

(*c*) The Director is doing the needful in the matter.

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: May I know whether any implements other than the ploughs referred to can be introduced in Travancore for agricultural purposes?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: I want notice of that question.

**Abolition of the Vaikam Municipality.**

28. THE REV. FR. KURIAKOSE VETTIKKAPALLI: (*a*) Are the Government aware that most of the inhabitants within the Vaikam municipal area live scattered as in rural tracts and that there is no necessity for a Municipal Council or municipal administration there?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken on the representation of the inhabitants regarding the abolition of the municipality made to the Dewan when he visited Vaikam recently?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to give a favourable reply to the united prayer of the inhabitants in this respect?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) Government have no information as to the proportion of the inhabitants of the Vaikam

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Municipality living scattered. The necessity or otherwise of a Municipal Council does not depend solely on the above consideration.

(*b*) The representation has been forwarded to the Dewan Peishker, Kottayam, for report.

(*c*) No answer either way can be given until the report called for from the Peishkar has been received and considered.

**Principal and Additional Munsiffs.**

29. THE REV. FR. KURIAKOSE VETTIKKAPALLI: (*a*) Are the Government aware that, at Perumpavur, the junior Munsiff has been appointed as the Principal District Munsiff and the senior as the Additional Munsiff?

(*b*) Is it not advisable to appoint the senior officer as the Principal District Munsiff?

(*c*) Is there any special reason for adopting a contrary course so far as the Munsiffs' Courts at Perumpavur are concerned?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The High Court consider that such arrangements will have to be made in the interests of work and that no violation of principle is involved in them. In the instance in question, the High Court think that the work of both the Courts would be dislocated, if the arrangement suggested by the member were followed.

THE REV. FR. KURIAKOSE VETTIKKAPALLI: With reference to the answer to parts (*b*) and (*c*), may I know how the work would be dislocated if the senior Munsiff was appointed as Principal Munsiff and the junior appointed as Additional Munsiff?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: I claim notice of that question.

**Mr. A. Gopala Menon and his training in England.**

30. MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the purpose for which Mr. A. Gopala Menon has been sent to England and what expenditure the Government propose to incur on account of his training?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state how they are going to utilise the services of Mr. Gopala Menon after his return from England?

MR. K. GEORGE: (*a*) Mr. A. Gopala Menon has been sent to England to undergo a course of instruction for a period of three years for the B. Com. Degree at the London School of Economics and Political Science with 'Industries' as his special subject. He has since been asked to take up the following optional groups also:—

(i) Banking and Finance.

(ii) Trade—Colonial and General.

He is allowed a scholarship of £350 per annum besides a tuition fee of 21 guineas per annum and free second class passage to and fro,

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